

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method for preparation of an RF device for distribution, comprising:
2 providing an ID label for use in delivery of each RF device;
3 receiving an identification code emitted from the RF device;
4 reading the ID label; and
5 comparing information associated with the identification code with
6 information associated with the ID label.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the ID label is a mailing label.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 verifying that the identification code emitted from the RF device corresponds
3 to an address that matches a delivery address on the ID label.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 inserting each of the RF devices into an envelope for mailing; and
3 applying the ID label to the envelope.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 incorporating each of the RF devices into a structure of a standard size.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the step of incorporating comprises
2 heat shrink wrapping each of the RF devices.
- 1 7. The method of claim 5, wherein the step of incorporating comprises
2 affixing each RF device to a backboard of standard size.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the standard size is the size of a
2 standard financial presentation instrument.
- 1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the presentation instrument is a credit
2 card.
- 1 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the preparation for distribution is
2 preparation for mailing to a recipient, wherein the RF device is packaged for mail delivery
3 prior to providing an ID label, wherein the ID label is a mailing label with the name and
4 address of the recipient, and wherein the mailing address is read after applied to the package.

- 1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein the mailing label further includes a
2 bar code.
- 1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein a database is accessed in response to
2 at last one of the steps of receiving the identification code from the RF device and reading the
3 bar code on the mailing label, and wherein the correct address for delivery of the RF device is
4 verified by comparing the information associated with the identification code with the
5 information associated with the bar code.
- 1 13. The method of claim 1, wherein the compared information is account
2 holder address information.
- 1 14. The method of claim 1, wherein the compared information is account
2 holder name information.
- 1 15. A system for preparing an RF device for delivery to the holder of an
2 account associated with the RF device, comprising:
3 a labeler for preparing a mailing label for use in delivering the RF device;
4 an RF reader for reading an identification code emitted by the RF device;
5 a label reader for reading mailing information from the mailing label; and
6 a processor for accessing a database in response to the operation of at least one
7 of the RF reader and the label reader, for retrieving account holder information from the
8 database, and for using the retrieved information to verify the mailing information from the
9 mailing label.
- 1 16. The system of claim 15, further comprising a packager for packaging
2 the RF device for delivery to the account holder, wherein the RF reader reads the
3 identification code after the RF device is packaged.
- 1 17. The system of claim 15, wherein the labeler applies the mailing label
2 to the package, and wherein the label reader reads mailing information from the mailing label
3 after applied to the package.
- 1 18. The system of claim 15, wherein the identification code read from the
2 RF device is used to retrieve mailing information from the database.

1 19. The system of claim 15, wherein the mailing information read from
2 mailing label is used to retrieve RF device information from the database.

1 20. The system of claim 15, wherein the mailing information comprises
2 the account holder name.

1 21. The system of claim 15, wherein the mailing information comprises
2 the account holder address.

1 22. The system of claim 15, wherein the delivery of the RF device is
2 through a postal service.

1 23. The system of claim 15, wherein the delivery of the RF device is
2 through a courier service.

1 24. A system for verifying a mailing label used with an RF device,
2 wherein the RF device emits an identification code and wherein stored mailing information
3 intended for use in delivery of the RF device is associated with the identification code, the
4 system comprising:

5 an RF transceiver for receiving the identification code from the RF device; and
6 a label reader for reading mailing information from the mailing label, the label
7 mailing information used for delivery of the RF device, whereby the label mailing
8 information may be compared to the stored mailing information.

1 25. A system for verifying a mailing label used with an RF device,
2 wherein the mailing label has mailing information thereon to be used for delivery of the RF
3 device, wherein the RF device emits an identification code, and wherein the system has
4 stored mailing information associated with the identification code and intended to be used for
5 delivery of the RF device, the system comprising:

6 means for reading the identification code from the RF device; and
7 means for reading mailing information from the mailing label, whereby the
8 label mailing information may be compared to the stored mailing information.